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PATENT APPLICATION

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Inventor(s): Kevin Collins

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Title: Method and Apparatus to Manage Transactions at a Network Storage Device

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continuation prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

() Previously submitted:

- () Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- () Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- () Other _____.

(X) Enclosed:

- (X) Amendment/Reply
- () Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
- () Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- () Other _____.

Miscellaneous

- () Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
 The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00
- () Other _____.